

In re Application of GEIDL et al.
Serial No. 09/909,416

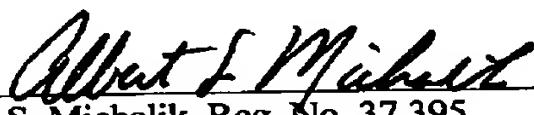
REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the subject matter of claim 37 was allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 37 has been incorporated into base claim 29; there were no intervening claims. Claim 37 has been canceled as duplicative, and not in view of the prior art. As such claim 29 and its dependent claims 30-36 and 38-43 are allowable for at least the reasons indicated in the Office action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The other claims were either withdrawn from consideration or rejected as being anticipated by or obvious in view of Capps et al., U.S. patent no. 5,596,350. Applicants disagree with these rejections, but nevertheless have canceled the other pending claims to expedite allowance, and not in view of the prior art. As such, applicants submit that all of the pending claims of the present application are allowable.

Entry of the present amendment and a timely allowance is respectfully requested. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,


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